Report of Committee on Finance.

To the Officers and Members of Medinah Temple:

Your finance committee have carefully examined the books and receipts, and compared them with the vouchers drawn, and find the reports of the Recorder and Treasurer, as presented to this Temple, to be correct.

In consideration of the arduous duties of the Recorder, and the increased work that is placed upon him, owing to the organization of the Chicago Medinah Temple Association, we would respectfully recommend that an order for fifteen hundred (1500) dollars be drawn in favor of our Recorder, William Johnston, for his work during the past year, and that the thanks of Medinah Temple be extended to our Treasurer, Henry Baker, for the splendid way in which he has kept the accounts and monies that were held by him, and for his genial, courteous and noble bearing.

Your finance committee would further recommend that an order for two hundred and fifty dollars (amended to five hundred dollars) be drawn in favor of the Eastern Star and Masonic Home, as a Christmas offering. In this connection we would state that the Masonic Charities are now in charge of the Grand Lodge, and every Mason is assessed alike, and as their financial condition is such as to require no assistance, we have made no recommendation.

Yours in the faith,

SAMUEL H. SMITH,
HARRIS W. HUEHL,
J. B. MCFATRICH,
WM. M. KNIGHT.
Finance Committee.

Annual Reports

OF

RECORDER, TREASURER

AND

Committee on Finance

For the year ending
December 1, 1903

MEDINAH TEMPLE

A. A. O. N. M. S.

Recorder's Report.

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

In presenting this, my tenth annual report, I am reminded that the past year has been filled with events of more than passing interest to the nobility of this Temple. One year ago, when you elected Noble Samuel H. Smith Illustrious Potentate, he concluded that it would be for the best interests of the Temple to have the litigation, which had been going on since 1897, brought to an issue. After making a thorough investigation and obtaining the opinion of eminent counsel, he recommended, at a stated meeting of Medinah Temple, that we withdraw further opposition to the bondholders, and instruct our attorney to dismiss all suits now pending in the name of Medinah Temple. The recommendation was concurred in, and our counsel notified of the action of the Temple. Shortly after this was done we were notified to vacate the Temple, and our officers were unable to negotiate any terms with the committee of bondholders who controlled Medinah Temple, permitting us to remain in the building as a tenant. The Illustrious Potentate, and other officers, made a thorough investigation of every building in the business center of the city, in which they thought a home might be secured that would be large enough for the wants of Medinah, but without success, there being no hall in use at the present time large enough to accommodate the membership of our Temple, and the prices asked for the real estate and the cost of erecting a structure sufficiently large to meet our requirements was so great that it could not be considered. Our Illustrious Potentate, though often discouraged, never despaired, and constantly persevered with untiring effort to secure the proper haven for the nobility of Medinah ; and who can say that his perseverance has not been rewarded? Word was brought to him that Unity Church property was in the market and he lost no time in satisfying himself that it was for sale, suitable for our requirements, and at a price which brought it within our reach. An option on the property was secured, and at a stated meeting of the Temple held on March 27th, 1903, after a thorough explanation and discussion of the matter, the committee on finance were unanimously instructed to purchase the property, which they did, and today Medinah has a home of her own of which every member of this Temple may justly feel proud. It is at present undergoing needed changes and in the near future we hope to have it dedicated to the uses of our Noble Order.

Too much praise cannot be given to our Illustrious Potentate, Noble Samuel H. Smith, and his able lieutenants, for the time they have given and the zeal they have manifested during the trying times of the past year. They certainly deserve, and I am sure that they have, the unanimous and hearty thanks of every member of this Temple, for today we have a home and it is owned and controlled entirely by the nobility of Medinah.

The prosperity of our Temple, both numerically and financially, during the past year, as you will see from this report, is very gratifying and shows the deep interest manifested by our members. Eight hundred and thirty-seven candidates crossed the burning sands during the year, twelve were admitted to membership by dimits, and eighteen were reinstated, making a total of eight hundred and sixty-seven—the banner year in the history of this Temple.

The social features have not been overlooked. The Imperial Potentate, Noble Akin, and a party of about one hundred nobles and ladies, arrived in Chicago, on their way to attend the meeting of the Imperial Council at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and were entertained in a royal manner during their stay in this city.

The number of nobles and ladies of Medinah Temple who attended the Imperial Council meeting at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., called for a special train of vestibule cars. The pleasure of the trip was enhanced by a rest of one day at Niagara Falls, giving the party an opportunity to witness the sights to be seen at that place. The entertainment furnished the Caravan, both en route and while in Saratoga, was in keeping with the high standard of former events of the same kind, and the participants were unanimous in their praise for the committee who had the pilgrimage in charge.

The entertainment for the ladies given on the evening of December 2nd was the social event of the year. Our hall was filled with a brilliant gathering of members and their ladies, who enjoyed the entertainment furnished and pronounced the affair a grand success. The Souvenir Spoon which was presented to each lady was much admired and appreciated by the recipients.

It is with feelings of great sorrow that I acquaint you with the mournful fact that the Black Camel has been among us, and summoned to the unseen Temple above, forty-five of our members, as follows :

R. R. Stevens	Died	February 10, 1901
Daniel M. Ruggles	"	May , 1902
Victor G. Wuest	"	1902
George Henry Lloyd	"	May 28, 1902
J. J. McClain	"	December 30, 1902
Canute R. Matson	"	January 5, 1903
Leslie C. Newton	"	" 13, 1903
John B. Overmeyer	"	" 27, 1903
William E. Clark	"	February 16, 1903
Edward L. Dyer	"	" 24, 1903
Frank A. Wild	"	March 3, 1903
Theodore Arnold	"	" 6, 1903
David Nickel	"	" 7, 1903
Charles M. Lumsden	"	" 8, 1903
Reinhold Eichenberg	"	" 11, 1903
Chris Pfeiffer, Jr.	"	" 12, 1903
Joseph Schuster	"	" 23, 1903
William B. Russell	"	April 2, 1903
A. S. Kiefer	"	" 3, 1903
Henry M. Gillespie	"	" 3, 1903
Lester L. Bond	"	" 15, 1903
John H. Lafferty	"	" 23, 1903
Charles C. Schumacher	"	May 3, 1903
Frank H. Barmm	"	" 11, 1903
F. O. Kettering	"	" 22, 1903
James R. Sinclair	"	June 16, 1903
David B. Fonda	"	" 20, 1903
Charles C. Smiley	"	July 27, 1903
Charles C. Turner	"	" 29, 1903
William Passow	"	August 23, 1903
George H. Penfield	"	" 27, 1903
J. M. Rodenberg	"	" 30, 1903
Frederick B. Baird	"	September 2, 1903
Mark F. Campbell	"	" 17, 1903
Henry L. Swissler	"	" 24, 1903
John F. McIntosh	"	" 26, 1903
Wm. J. Hemstreet	"	October 1, 1903
Henry Frank Smith	"	" 3, 1903
Richard L. Dakin	"	" 13, 1903
George C. Prouty	"	" 17, 1903
James P. Mallett	"	" 22, 1903
S. Delano Talcott	"	" 29, 1903
Hartvig B. Hanson	"	November 21, 1903
George C. Wilder	"	December 1, 1903
Alfred G. Quirk	"	" 5, 1903

"Life is the jailor, Death the angel sent
To draw the unwilling bolts and set us free."

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, that moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of Death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

There were held during the past year eight stated meetings, seven of which were for ceremony.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership last annual report	3286	
Crossed the burning sands year 1903	837	
Admitted by dimit " "	12	
Reinstated " "	18	
Total membership, 1903		4153
Suspended during year "	49	
Dimitted " " "	56	
Died " " "	45	
		150
Present membership		4003
Net gain for year 1903		717

Financial Statement, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer at last annual meeting	$23,773.96
Received on account of dues	15,829.10
Received on account of petitions	24,690.00
Received from sale of $25,400.00 worth of Medinah Temple Co. bonds.	18,660.19
Received from sale of chairs to Medinah Temple Co	89.50
Received from sale of pews of Chicago Medinah Temple Association	105.00
Received from subscription to bond Medinah Temple Association	200.00
Received on interest	1.25
Received on rent of organ	10.00
	$83,359.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Chicago Medinah Temple Association.		
Paid to Treasurer	$40,000.00	
Paid to Treasurer	200.00	
Paid to Bliss & McKitrick, legal expense	829.21	
Paid six months' interest on $15,000.00 loan	337.50	
Paid to Goes Lithographing Co., 700 bonds	230.00	
Paid to Central Trust Co., certifying bonds	250.50	
Paid to Unity Church to balance insurance	180.74	
Paid for printing charter, by-laws and proceedings relating to organization	153.75	
Paid for postage on above	73.00	
Paid to Conklin Lumber Co	29.70	
Paid for insurance on building	112.50	
Paid to People's Gas Light & Coke Co	122.20	
Paid for salaries and supplies of men working in bldg.	1,396.18	
		$43,915.28
Carried forward		$43,915.28

Brought forward	$43,915.28
Paid to Thornton & Chancellor, legal services; case Medinah Temple Co. litigation from Oct. 7, 1897, to Jan. 21, 1903	5,215.51
Paid to E. R. Bliss, legal opinion in case of Medinah Temple Co. litigation	100.00
Paid to Imperial Council for year 1903	2,631.60
Paid for Imperial Council Pilgrimage	2,256.00
Paid for Temple furniture, year 1903	416.00
Paid for chair rent, year 1903	190.00
Paid for Ladies' Night	1,398.50
Paid for Banquet account, year 1903	2,195.87
Paid for cigars, year 1903	1,139.00
Paid for music, year 1903	183.88
Paid for rent and light (Medinah Temple Co.)	742.80
Paid for flowers, for funerals and stage decorations, year 1903	571.95
Paid for Vaudeville	115.00
Paid for printing and stationery for year 1903	1,276.05
Paid for postage, telegrams, expressing, etc., for year 1903	679.00
Paid for salaries for year 1903	493.50
Paid for Recorder's services for year 1902	1,200.00
Paid for Charity account	1,500.00
Paid for electrical supplies, etc., for year 1903	88.53
Paid for insurance and taxes on furniture, etc., for year 1903	87.00
Paid for present to retiring Potentate	175.00
Paid for toilet supplies, etc., year 1903	71.18
Paid for cleaning robes, patrol suits and paraphernalia	610.40
Paid for draping hall and stage, etc	16.81
Paid for photographs	62.25
Miscellaneous expenses	278 75
	$67,609.86

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from all sources	$83,359.00
Disbursements for 1903	67,609.86
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$15,749.14

ASSETS OF MEDINAH TEMPLE, 1903.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	$15,749.14	
Stock of Masonic Fraternity Temple Association	2,000.00	
Temple club room furniture and regalia	7,082.61	
Arrears of dues, December 31, 1903	2,877.00	
Unity Church property (purchase price)	65,000.00	
		92,708.75

LIABILITIES OF MEDINAH TEMPLE, 1903.

Sale of 515 bonds	$25,750.00	
Loan, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co	15,000.00	
		40,750.00
Net Assets		$51,958.75

And now, in conclusion, let me say that I desire to thank the officers and nobles for the uniform kindness shown me during the past year. My efforts have always been to discharge the duties pertaining to my office faithfully and thereby merit your approval. If I have succeeded, then I am satisfied. Allow me to wish you all the compliments of the season and a bright, happy and prosperous new year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. JOHNSTON,

CHICAGO, December 1, 1903. *Recorder.*

Treasurer's Report.

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Members of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

I herewith respectfully submit my annual report, as Treasurer of Medinah Temple, for the year ending December 1st, 1903.

Balance in Treasury, December, 1902	$23,773.96	
Received from Recorder	59,585.04	
		83,359.00
Paid out orders, 901 to 1219, inclusive	67,609.86	
Balance on hand this date		$15,749.14

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BAKER,

Treasurer.